

Glossary

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ADULT - The definition of an adult differs under Federal and Michigan law. Under Federal law an adult is a person who is over 17 years of age, under Michigan law an adult is a person who is over 16 years of age. In this report, the definition of an adult follows Michigan law.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - An unlawful attack by one person upon another wherein the offender uses a weapon or displays it in a threatening manner, or the victim suffers obvious severe or aggravated bodily injury involving apparent broken bones, loss of teeth, possible internal injury, severe laceration, or loss of consciousness.

ARREST - To seize, hold, summon or cite by legal authority. Arrest data counts the number of persons.

ARSON - The willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud a dwelling, public building, motor vehicle, aircraft or personal property of another.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY - An unlawful attempt to enter a structure with the intent to commit a felony or a theft.

ATTEMPTED RAPE - The failed attempt to gain the carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and against his/her will, or where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity. This crime is included in the Rape classification.

AUTOMATIC WEAPON - Any firearm which shoots, or is designed to shoot, more than one shot at a time by a single pull of the trigger without manual reloading.

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BIAS CRIME (HATE CRIME) - A criminal offense committed against a person or property which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race, religion, ethnic/national origin, sexual orientation or disability group.

BURGLARY - The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft. Breaking and entering into motor vehicles is not included in this classification, it is included in larceny.

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CLEARANCE - The solving of a particular crime, either by the arrest of the offender or through an exceptional clearance.

CLEARANCE BY ARREST - When an offender has been identified with sufficient evidence to formally charge the suspect.

CRIME ANALYSIS – Systematic, analytical processes used to provide timely and pertinent information concerning crime patterns and trends to aide in the deployment of resources for the prevention and suppression of criminal activities.

CRIME RATE - Relates the incidence of crime to population, so that it can be compared uniformly without regard to population size. In this report, rates are calculated by dividing the number of crimes by the population of the service jurisdiction. The calculated number is then multiplied by 100,000.

CURFEW / LOITERING – Offenses relating to violations of local curfew or loitering ordinances where such laws exist.

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DISORDERLY CONDUCT - An offense which disturbs the peace and tranquility of the community in general.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – The occurrence of any of the following acts by a person that is not an act of self-defense: causing or attempting to cause physical or mental harm to a family or household member; placing a family or household member in fear of physical or mental harm; causing or attempting to cause a family or household member to engage in involuntary sexual activity by force, threat of force, or duress; and/or engaging in activity toward a family or household member that would cause a reasonable person to feel terrorized, frightened, intimidated, threatened, harassed, or molested.

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE - The driving or operating of any vehicle while under the influence of liquor or drugs.

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EMBEZZLEMENT - The illegal taking, misapplying, or misappropriating of money, or other things of value which have been entrusted to one's care, custody, or control.

EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE - Made when an investigation has established an offender, there is enough information to support an arrest charge, and the location of the offender is known, but there is a reason outside police control that prevents arresting, charging and prosecuting the offender.

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FAMILY & CHILDREN - Non-violent offenses by a member of the family or legal guardian which threatens the unity, physical, mental, economic welfare, or morals of members of the family.

FATAL INJURY - Any injury which results in death.

FIREARM - A general term referring to all types of handguns, rifles, and shot guns.

FORCED ENTRY (BURGLARY) - Forcibly entering a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

FORCIBLE RAPE - The carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and against his/her will, or where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

FORGERY & COUNTERFEITING - The making, altering, uttering, or possessing with intent to defraud, anything false in the semblance of that which is true.

FRAUD - The conversion and obtaining of money or property by false pretense.

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GAMBLING - Unlawful engaging in playing, operating, or assisting in operating a game of chance for money or some other stake.

GAY - Of or relating to males who experience a sexual attraction toward, and responsiveness to, other males.

GUN - A general term referring to all types of handguns, rifles, and shot guns.

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HATE CRIME (BIAS CRIME) - A criminal offense committed against a person or property which is motivated, in whole or in part, by the offender's bias against a race, religion, ethnic/national origin, sexual orientation or disability group.

HETEROSEXUAL - Of or relating to persons who experience a sexual attraction toward, and responsiveness to, members of the opposite sex.

HOMICIDE (MURDER) - The willful killing of one human being by another. Deaths caused by negligence, attempts to kill, assaults to kill, suicides, accidental deaths, and justifiable homicides are excluded from this category.

HOMOSEXUAL - Of or relating to persons who experience a sexual attraction toward, and responsiveness to, members of their own sex.

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INCAPACITATING INJURY - Any serious injury other than fatal that prevents normal activities and generally requires hospitalization.

INCIDENT - One or more offenses committed by a person or group of persons acting together, at the same time and place.

INDEX CRIME - Includes eight offenses (murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, and arson) chosen because of their seriousness and frequency of occurrence to serve as indicators of crime.

INTIMIDATION - To unlawfully place another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words and/or other conduct, without displaying a weapon or subjecting the victim to actual physical attack.

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JURISDICTION - The geographical range of authority. This term can also be used to refer to an agency.

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE – The killing of a felon by a law enforcement officer in the line of duty. The killing of a felon, during the commission of a felony, by a private citizen.

JUVENILE - The definition of a juvenile differs for Federal and Michigan law. Under Federal law a juvenile is a person who is under 18, and under Michigan law a juvenile is a person who is under 17. In this report, the definition of a juvenile follows Michigan law.

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KNIFE – Any type of cutting instrument used as a weapon.

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LARCENY - The unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.

LESBIAN - Of or relating to females who experience a sexual attraction toward, and responsiveness to, other females.

LIQUOR LAWS - Unlawfully acquiring, manufacturing, transporting, selling, or possessing intoxicating alcoholic liquor.

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MICR - Michigan Incident Crime Reporting is Michigan's incident-based reporting system in which data is collected on each single crime occurrence. MICR provides data to the FBI through NIBRS.

MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT - The theft or attempted theft of a self-propelled vehicle that runs on land and not on rails. "Joy riding" is included in this classification. Carjacking is not included in this classification; it is classified as a robbery.

MURDER (HOMICIDE) - The willful killing of one human being by another. Deaths caused by negligence, attempts to kill, assaults to kill, suicides, accidental deaths, and justifiable homicides are excluded from this category.

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NARCOTIC LAWS - The unlawful possession, use, sale, growing, manufacturing, and making of narcotic drugs.

NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER - Deaths determined by police investigation to be primarily caused by gross negligence (except motor vehicle accidents which are included in the offense category "All Other").

NIBRS – National Incident-Based Reporting System is the FBI's incident-based reporting system in which data are collected on each single crime occurrence. NIBRS data are designed to be generated as a byproduct of local, state, and federal automated records systems. Michigan provides data to NIBRS through MICR.

NON-AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - An unlawful physical attack by one person upon another, where no weapon is present and no severe injury occurs.

NON-INCAPACITATING INJURY - Any injury that is evident to others at the scene, but not serious enough to prevent normal activities or require hospitalization.

NON-INDEX CRIME - All reported criminal offenses of negligent manslaughter, non-aggravated assault, forgery & counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property, vandalism, weapons, prostitution & common law vice, sex offenses, narcotic laws, gambling, offenses against family & children, driving under the influence, liquor laws, disorderly conduct, and all other crimes not listed here or in index crimes.

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OFFENSE - An unlawful act which has been reported to a law enforcement agency.

OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY & CHILDREN - Any non-violent offense by a family member which threatens the unity of the family, the physical welfare, economic welfare, or morals of other family members.

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PERCENT CHANGE - Calculated by taking the number of offenses for the current year, minus the number of offenses for the previous year. Then divide the difference by the number of offenses for the previous year, and multiply the dividend by 100.

PERSONAL WEAPON – Where the Offender uses a part of their body as the weapon.

POSSIBLE INJURY - No visible injury but complaint of pain or momentary unconsciousness.

PROPERTY CRIMES - Consists of burglary, larceny-theft, and motor vehicle theft. The object of the theft-type offenses is the taking of money or property, but there is no force or threat of force against the victims. Arson is sometimes included in this category.

PROSTITUTION & COMMON LAW VICE - Illegal activities related to engaging in normal or deviate, heterosexual or homosexual, sexual acts for profit or gain.

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RAPE - The carnal knowledge of a person, forcibly and against his/her will, or where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity. Assault to rape and attempted rapes are included in this classification. Other types of sexual penetration are not included.

RETIRED AGENCY – A former law enforcement agency which is no longer in existence.

ROBBERY - The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or putting the victim in fear.

RUN AWAYS – Juveniles taken into protective custody under provisions of local statutes.

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SEX OFFENSES - Illegal acts done for sexual stimulation or gratification, or involving display or exposure of sexual organs. Rape and prostitution are not included in this classification.

STATISTICAL - A collection and study of numerical data.

STOLEN PROPERTY - The buying, receiving, selling, possessing, concealing, or transporting of any property with the knowledge that it has been unlawfully taken outside of the reporting agency's jurisdiction.

STRONGARM – The use of physical force or coercion.

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TOTAL CRIME - All criminal activity reported.

TRENDS - The fluctuation of crime data from year to year which provides an added perspective to study crime. See also percent change.

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UCR - Uniform Crime Reporting is a city, county, state, and federal law enforcement program which provides a nationwide view of crime based on the submission of crime information by law enforcement agencies throughout the country. This term also refers to the summary system of reporting.



APPENDIX A

UNLAWFUL ENTRY (BURGLARY) – Entering a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

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VAGRANCY – Vagabondage, begging, loitering, etc.

VANDALISM - The willful or malicious destruction, injury, disfigurement, or defacement of any public or private property, real or personal, without consent of the owner or person having control.

VICTIM - The injured party of an offense. Victim information is collected for murder, rape, aggravated assault, domestic violence, and hate crimes.

VICTIM CRIME – Consists of murder, rape, and aggravated assault. The object of these offenses is the force or threat of force against the victim.

VIOLENT CRIMES - Consists of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. All violent crimes involve force or threat of force.

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WEAPONS - The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment, or use of firearms or other deadly weapons.

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ZERO POPULATION - Population can only be shown once. Police departments showing a zero population indicate that those areas are being serviced by the county sheriff or MSP. Colleges, universities, metro parks, airports, and Provost Marshal-Camp Grayling have no permanent residents and will also show a zero population. The Department of Michigan State Police has jurisdiction over the entire state and will show a zero population because either the sheriff or local police department already shows the population.